

# Southern Victoria Village Council Meeting Minutes

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Monday, January 12th, 2026

Present: Mayor McLaughlin, Deputy Mayor Shaw (virtually), Councillors - Sheila Cummings, Paul Legace, Tami McPhail, Sara Plant, Todd McGuire, Assistant CAO Justine Waldeck, Finance and Administration Clerk Kristen Johnston.

Regrets: None

- 1) Mayor McLaughlin called the meeting to order.
- 2) No conflicts of interest were declared.
- 3) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Cummings that the December Meeting Minutes be approved. **SECONDED** by Councillor McGuire. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 4) Delegations - None
- 5) The Assistant CAO gave an update on the Municipal Building Project. A meeting was held with the engineers to discuss the final stages of the design phase. CHIF funding applications are currently being worked on, and the team is waiting for the Energy Evaluation to be completed.
- 6) The Assistant CAO gave an update on Trailer Park. Two of the remaining three lots have been spoken for. A contest has been implemented to rename the trailer park, giving residents the opportunity to submit their suggestions.
- 7) A public safety meeting has been scheduled for Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup> for stakeholders within the community. Council will provide a list of stakeholders they wish to invite to this meeting.
- 8) A letter regarding Background checks for staff and volunteers was discussed. Council agreed that a vulnerable sector check should be part of the Background check process. The policy will be reviewed and brought to the next regular meeting of council to be approved.
- 9) The Assistant CAO reviewed the Municipal Administration/Strategic Plan Update, Water Consumption Reports, and the Fire Department Report.
- 10) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Plant and **SECONDED** by Councillor McPhail, that the Fire and Village Donation Policy be approved. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 11) It was **MOVED** by Councillor Plant and **SECONDED** by Councillor Legacy, to investigate the expansion of the Municipal Limits to encompass additional territory. **MOTION CARRIED.**
- 12) Winter Freeze Fest was discussed. Sponsorship letters have been sent out.

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- 13) The Outdoor Rink is operational. Thank you to the Fire Department and Danny Sooley for their assistance in getting the rink operational.
- 14) A Community Physical Activity Survey has been distributed throughout the region as part of the Western Valley Physical Activity Action Plan. This plan will be implemented to enhance physical activity in the region, and specifically, the Village of Southern Victoria. It will focus on ways to get more individuals active and involved by finding ways to reduce barriers to participation.
- 15) Wall of Fame nominations are available. The deadline for submissions is May 1, 2026. Community members are encouraged to read the criteria thoroughly and submit their nominations.
- 16) Adjournment Councillor McGuire ***Moved*** to adjourn, ***Seconded*** by Councillor Plant. ***Motion Carried.***